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SUBJECT: CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER VISITS MALTA

1. ICY SUMMARY. THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER
PAID A TWO-DAY VISIT TO MALTA AT THE END OF A
EUROPEAN TOUR. []

6. (C) COMMENT. QIAN'S VISIT TO MALTA WAS AN
UNDERSTANDABLE ADD-ON TO A EUROPEAN VISIT, EVEN IF

THERE WAS LITTLE IN THE WAY OF TANGIBLE RESULTS.
CHINA MAINTAINS A SIZEABLE MISSION IN MALTA, SEEMINGLY
SOMETHING OF A LEFTOVER FROM THE COLD WAR. THE
CHINESE HAVE A SMALL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
ENGAGED IN BUILDING A BREAKWATER -- AGAIN, A SMALL
RESIDUAL FROM PREVIOUS LARGE ASSISTANCE PROJECTS.
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END SUMMARY.

2. QD CHINA'S FOREIGN MINISTER, QIAN QICHEN,
VISITED MALTA FROM MARCH 8 TO 10 AT THE END OF A
SEVEN-NATION EUROPEAN TOUR. DURING HIS STAY,
QIAN CALLED ON MALTA'S PRESIDENT, CENSU TIECHE,
PRIME MINISTER EDDIE FENECH ADAMI, AND THE FOREIGN
MINISTER AND CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE UNGA, GUIDO
DE MARCO. QIAN INVITED EACH OF THEM TO VISIT CHINA.
DE MARCO HAD INVITED QIAN TO VISIT MALTA WHEN THEY
MET AT THE UNGA IN NEW YORK.

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